

SWISS PROMPT
WITH APOLOGY
TO GERMANY

And Will Prosecute Mob in
Lausanne Responsible for
Tearing down the German
Flag Hoisted by German
Consul in Honor of Wil-
liam's Birthday

FEDERAL COUNCIL
MET IMMEDIATELY

State Council and the Lau-
sanne City Council Also
Met and Took Similar Ac-
tion—In Riot at Lausanne
Police Were Powerless

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, Jan. 28.—An angry crowd in Lausanne, in the canton of Vaud, tore down a German flag which was hoisted by the German consul yesterday in honor of Emperor William's birthday, and the federal council of Switzerland held an extraordinary session at which it was decided to offer an apology to Germany for the insult of the flag. Meetings of the state council of Vaud and the Lausanne city council also were held for a like purpose.

Despite all the efforts of the police, the flag was torn down in the course of a hostile demonstration by a large crowd. As soon as news was received in Berne, the federal council assembled and instructed the officials to express to the Berlin government deep regret for the incident. It also sent orders to the police of Lausanne to prosecute the persons responsible for the insult to the flag, which is to be hoisted again and adequately protected.

BALKAN SITUATION
SOMEWHAT CLOUDED

Austrians and Bulgarians Overrun the
Country, in Which Little Opposi-
tion Is Apparent.

Operations which may have an important bearing on the Balkan situation are now taking place in Albania. The situation there is somewhat clouded, but it appears that the Austrians and Bulgarians jointly are making the most of what appears to be an opportunity to overrun the country, in which little effective opposition is apparent.

The Greeks are said to be reinforcing their detachments at Albanian border points and developments as to the attitude to be adopted by the Greek government in view of Bulgarian activities in southern Albania are being closely watched by the entente interests, presumably in a further effort to seek out hostile submarine bases in the Mediterranean.

The French have occupied the town of Antiphilo on the Asia Minor coast.

BOTH CLAIM SUCCESS.

In Violent Operations Connected on the
West Front.

London, Jan. 28.—Considerable fighting has been taking place along the entire French front. Berlin asserts that between 500 and 600 yards of French trenches were stormed by the Germans in the vicinity of Neuville and that French counter attacks were without result.

In this region the French assert, the Germans were driven from mine craters they had occupied and were repulsed in trying to recapture them, while the British report the progressive occupation by their men of mine craters and listening posts in the Neuville region.

Paris announces that German trenches in Belgium and to the north of the Aisne have been badly hammered by the French guns and that the Germans suffered serious losses in a fight of a mine crater in the Argonne forest.

The French official dispatch reads: "During the day there was considerable activity by our artillery on the whole front. In Belgium a destructive fire directed against the German trenches in front of Boesinghe and between Steenstraete and Het has caused serious damage to our adversary."

"In Artois to the east of Neuville St. Vaast the enemy attempted by a counter attack to retake the craters from which we drove him in the course of the night, but was completely repulsed. To the north of the Aisne our trench guns shattered the enemy organizations at La Ville-Au-Bois."

"In the Argonne fighting continued to our advantage. Between hill 253 and Haute Chevauchee we exploded two mines. The enemy suffered serious losses in the struggle which followed for the capture of the crater one of the rims of which we hold."

"One of our long range guns took under its fire an enemy convoy which was under guard Mangiennes to the northwest of Etain."

FLOODS HARRASS GERMAN TROOPS

Soldiers Reported to Be Working in
Water to Their Waists.

London, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Petrograd says: "A thaw in the Ogniski canal district has caused the rivers Shara and Jast-ol to flood the country, sweeping away trenches and fortifications which the Germans built when the ground was frozen hard, according to a telegram received here from Minsk."

"All the railways and roads have been turned into swamps and the German temporary field railways have been

washed away. The Germans are working waist deep in the water trying to extricate their guns, keeping up a heavy and protective rifle fire meanwhile.

"It is said that the washing away of a bridge at Lida, government of Vilna, caused the wreck of a troop train in which a hundred persons were killed or injured."

"There are many cases of scurvy among the prisoners taken on this front."

GERMAN REPRISALS
ON BRITISH WOMEN

Fifty Ordered to Leave the Country Be-
cause England Expelled German
Female Help.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 28.—Fifty English women who have been employed in various occupations in Berlin have been ordered to leave the country not later than Feb. 6. The authorities say that this action is taken in reprisal for the expulsion of German women who had been employed in England.

LABOR DEMANDS
DRASTIC REVISION

Of the Munitions Act, with View of Pre-
venting "Pretext of War for Coer-
cion of Labor."

Bristol, England, Jan. 28.—The labor conference adopted by a show of hands, with one dissenting vote, to-day, a resolution brought forward by the Independent Labor party demanding a drastic revision of the munitions act, with a view of preventing a "pretext for war being used for greater coercion and the subjection of labor."

421 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

Of That Total 254 Were Victims of Di-
rect Attack.

London, Jan. 28.—Since the outbreak of the war to the end of October 254 British merchant steamers, aggregating 542,648 tons, were lost "through enemy action," according to a White Paper issued last night; 46 by warships and 37 by mines.

In the same period 167 steamers aggregating 143,992 tons were lost "by ordinary marine casualties, of which 14, of a tonnage of 14,133, were returned as missing."

The loss of some of these, says a foot note, was "probably due to mines or other enemy action."

ASQUITH TELLS CASUALTIES.

Total Up to January 9 Were 549,467, He
Says.

London, Jan. 28.—Premier Asquith in a written reply to a request for information says the total British casualties in all the fields of operation up to Jan. 9 were 549,467, of which 24,122 were officers.

WILL ASK THE
ALLIES TO DISARM
MERCHANTMEN

America Will Then Request Central
Powers Not to Torpedo Unarmed
Merchantmen.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The United States has proposed to the allies a *modus vivendi* under which they are requested not to arm merchantmen. No proposals have been made to the central powers, but they will be requested, it is understood, to agree not to torpedo merchantmen provided the allies consent to their disarmament. In this action, which was instituted several days ago, the United States surrenders none of its previous contentions affecting the conduct of a submarine warfare. This move is understood to have been an outcome of attacks upon Italian vessels.

AUTO WRECKED A TRAIN.

Engine Rolled Down Bank and the En-
gineer Was Killed.

Lakeview, N. J., Jan. 28.—The locomotive and one coach of a Pennsylvania railroad express train were derailed in a collision with an automobile at a crossing near the Allenwood station, six miles from here, last night. The engineer, Thomas Berrien of Long Branch, was killed by being pinned under his engine, which rolled down an embankment. The occupants of the motor car, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Higgins of Manassquan, N. J., were dangerously injured.

BRANDEIS NAMED
FOR SUPREME COURT

President Wilson Selects Boston Lawyer
to Succeed Late Justice
Lamar.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The president to-day selected Louis D. Brandeis of Boston to be associate justice of the supreme court to succeed the late Justice Lamar.

DIED AT ADVANCED AGE.

Mrs. Emeline Wright Putnam of Brattle-
boro was 89.

Brattleboro, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Emeline Wright Putnam, 89 years old, died suddenly yesterday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Barrows. Mrs. Putnam was a native of Keene, N. H., and one of two daughters who were married at a double ceremony to Edwin L. Putnam of Brattleboro and Lyman F. Rogers of Barre, Mass.

In 1909 they observed a double golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Putnam leaves four sons and two daughters and three sisters, one of whom is her twin.

HONOR REV. R. M. HOUGHTON.

Members of Congregation Give Reception
to Retiring Pastor.

Brattleboro, Jan. 28.—An informal reception was tendered Rev. Roy M. Houghton, in center Congregational church last night, which was attended by many parishioners, and the pastors of other churches. Rev. Mr. Houghton was presented a sum of money.

Next Sunday will be his last here, as he will go to the Church of the Redeemer in Hartford, Conn.

APPAM MAY
BE LOST

Carried 166 Passengers and
Crew of 134—Long
Overdue

LEFT DAKAR, AFRICA,
ON JANUARY 11

Another Steamship Reports
Having Passed Lifeboat
with Name "Appam"

London, Jan. 28.—Grave anxiety is felt for the British steamship Appam, which left Dakar, West Africa, for Plymouth, a 10 days' trip, on Jan. 11, with 166 passengers and 134 crew. When about four days out, wireless communication with the vessel suddenly ceased.

A dispatch from Hull to Lloyd's says that the British steamer Tregintie reports having passed on Jan. 19 a lifeboat with the name Appam on the stern and her bow knocked away. Two or three other steamships coming in the same direction as the Appam are also overdue.

A report from Lisbon recently announced that mines had been discovered in the Bay of Biscay.

POMERANIAN SAFE.

Allan Liner Arrives at Queenstown in
Tow and All on Board Safe.

Queenstown, Ireland, Jan. 28.—The Allan liner steamer Pomeranian arrived yesterday in tow, all on board being safe.

A dispatch of Jan. 25 announced that the Pomeranian, outward bound from Glasgow, had been disabled in a terrific gale and had lost its propeller and rudder.

GAS EXPLOSION
WRECKED SUBMARINE

Coroner's Jury Reported Last Night on
the Disaster to the F-2 Which
Was Blown Up in New
York Navy Yard.

New York, Jan. 28.—A coroner's jury in Brooklyn last night brought in a verdict that the accident which cost the lives of five men on the United States submarine F-2 in the New York navy yard on January 15 was due to the explosion of gases. The jurors said that as they were unable to determine the cause of the gases it was their "unanimous decision that the authorities in charge were responsible and should have permitted employees or others to enter the F-2 without proper protection."

BANDITS HOLD UP
BANK IN CHICAGO

Line Up Score of Depositors, Faces to
Wall, Threaten Officials, and Get
Away with More Than
\$12,000.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Four robbers, armed with revolvers, yesterday entered the Washington Park National bank in East 63d street, threatened the lives of the cashier, clerks and 20 depositors, and escaped with between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

None of the depositors, who were ordered to stand facing a wall, was searched by the bandits, who gave their sole attention to the money in the teller's cage.

After grabbing the money the four hastily backed to the door and escaped in an automobile.

Policemen and detectives were quickly summoned and search for the bandits was begun.

J. Garland Staff, manager of the Boston Americans when that club won the world's championship in 1912, is vice-president of the bank. He was forced to remain at his desk facing a revolver, while one of the robbers entered the teller's cage and took the money from a drawer.

PLAN SUMMER OUTING.

Vermont Sheriffs' Association Closes An-
nual Session.

Burlington, Jan. 28.—Fully 200 sheriffs and deputies were present at the final sessions of the Vermont Sheriffs' association in this city yesterday. Among the important items of business transacted was the appointment of a legislative committee consisting of Sheriffs F. B. Tracy of Montpelier, J. H. Allen of Burlington and Richard Beattie of Maidstone. All the sheriffs were appointed a mass committee to arrange for a summer outing with authority to fix the time and place.

F. N. Godfrey, sheriff of Bennington county, spoke on "Attachment of Real Property." Sheriff W. H. Worthen of Caledonia county was not present and his topic, "The Trustee Process," was handled by Deputy Sheriff H. J. Clayton of Barre. Sheriff A. A. Reed of Orange county spoke on "Sale of Personal Property on Execution." Sheriff C. E. Mann of Windham county on "Search and Seizure," and Deputy Sheriff C. A. Smith of Montpelier on "The Real Meaning of Probation." E. J. Hill of Newport spoke on "Arrest on Criminal Process," for Sheriff J. H. Kinsley of Windsor county, who was not able to be present.

Stanley C. Wilson of Chittenden was not here to give his address on "The Relation of the Officer to the Bar," and instead City Attorney A. L. Sherman spoke on the "Co-operation of the Officer with the Attorney." Senator Henry B. Shaw gave an interesting talk on his studies of the Bertillon system of finger print identification.

COMMITTED BIGAMY
TO PROTECT GIRL

Declares He Married Second Time to Stop
the Advances of Prominent Rut-
land Man Whose Attention
Were Encouraged by
Girl's Mother.

Rutland, Jan. 28.—Charles J. Connell of Albany, N. Y., who has been employed in this city several weeks at the plant of the Manning Manufacturing company, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant issued by Grand Juror C. E. Novak, charging bigamy. The respondent at police headquarters did not deny the charge but he told a strange story of alleged police persecution in Albany and nearby cities, which culminated in his flight to Vermont and his marrying Miss Dorothy Lillian Connell on November 16, 1915, to protect her from the advances of a prominent Rutland man, the attentions being not only sanctioned, but encouraged by her mother.

Connell, who is a clean and bright appearing young man, said at police headquarters that he was compelled to marry Miss Margaret Barrett in 1911 on seduction proceedings and that later he was arrested for non-support, serving 14 months in a reformatory at Elmira. When he was first arrested and before he was married he said Miss Barrett offered to settle the case without any ceremony for \$1,000.

But this was out of the question and later when Connell finished his term in the reformatory he told the officers he was in a saloon in Albany, N. Y., when he flipped a coin to see whether he would go the straight or crooked path. The coin favored the better way of living and he says he has since gone straight. He claimed he met many crooks in the state institution who made easy living by crooked means.

"Why I just had to leave New York state," continued the prisoner yesterday afternoon, "for as true as I sit here, this woman had the hinges on the district attorney's door worn out with her continued complaints."

"Will she be here?" he asked the officers.

"Not unless you want her to appear against you," he was told, and at the same time he was asked if he wished to see her.

"See her? Well I guess not. I just as soon face a full fledged German submarine."

U. S. EXPORTS HANDICAPPED.

By Certain Phases of the Anti-Trust
Laws, Says Gilbert H. Montague.

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—The handicap which certain phases of the anti-trust laws place against American export trade was discussed by Gilbert H. Montague, a New York lawyer, in an address before the National Foreign Trade convention here to-day.

"Our Sherman anti-trust act, while powerless to forbid any combination against us, nevertheless purports to regulate our entire foreign commerce, and apparently denies to our exporters every advantage of co-operative action to meet the conditions of foreign trade. Our competitors are encouraged by their governments to unite in highly organized combinations. Our exporters are everywhere confronted by combinations of foreign rivals organized to resist our competition, and must often sell to combinations of foreign buyers equipped to depress the prices of our products. Under such a handicap our export trade has not even a fair sporting chance."

"Can American raisers of cotton now confronted by combinations of European buyers working to depress the price of cotton, unite in a joint selling campaign to maintain the price of cotton in Europe?"

"Can American exporters of lumber demoralized by price cutting at home and abroad, combine to uphold prices in the Orient?"

"Can American producers of copper now competing against one another in selling to combinations of European buyers, stop underbidding one another and agree upon prices in the European market?"

"Can American manufacturers of farm implements, maintaining separate selling organizations in Russia combine to maintain a single selling agency to handle all their products in Russia?"

"Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining and manufacturing—the entire range of American industry—await answers to these questions."

"Until these assurances are had and these questions positively answered, there can be no general participation in foreign trade by the rank and file of our business men. There is not the slightest likelihood the courts will answer these questions definitely in season to be of the least use in the situation created by the great war, nor in the still more critical situation that will arise as soon as the great war ceases. Nothing short of immediate action by Congress can remove the present hindrances to our export trade."

PRES. REEVES SPOKE.

At Business Men's Meeting in St. John-
sbury Last Evening.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 28.—Company D, 1st regiment, V. N. G., were the guests of the Commercial club at a banquet in Pythian hall last evening. Following the spread the company was addressed by Col. Reeves, president of Norwich university, and Adjutant General L. S. Tillotson of St. Albans, who talked on the subject of "Military Preparedness." They paid special attention to the needs of the state militia and both men made strong impressions.

VIGOROUS LANGUAGE USED.

In United States Protest to Great Brit-
ain on Mail Interference.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The text of the American protest to Great Britain against interference with neutral mails, made public last night, reveals that diplomatic and consular pouches have been treated in a manner the United States regards as "excessively inquisitorial." The note describes the practices of the British officials as "unwarranted interference" and in urgently requesting a prompt reply points out that "a strong feeling is being aroused" in this country by the loss of valuable letters, while foreign banks are refusing to cash American drafts because they have no assurance that drafts are secure in the mails.

FATE IS IN
JURY'S HANDS

Hatch Murder Case Given
to Them at Noon
To-day

ARGUMENTS MADE
YESTERDAY

Judge Stanton's Charge Is
Thought to Be Favor-
able to Respondent

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 28.—The Hatch murder trial was completed to-day, the case going to the jury just before 12 o'clock. Spectators in the jury room who heard Judge Stanton's charge to the jury, thought it favorable to the respondent, and an acquittal is generally expected.

The arguments in the case were begun yesterday afternoon. State Attorney N. A. Nelson's argument was severely attacked by Robert W. Simmons and J. Rolf Searles, counsel for the defense. Attorney General Barber summed up the state's case this morning.

GODDARD RECESS EXTENDED.

School Will Not Reopen Until Feb. 8
Because of Scarlet Fever.

Notwithstanding the expectation that scarcely 10 days would elapse after the closing of school on account of scarlet fever before sessions could be resumed again, it was announced to-day that Goddard seminary will not be reopened until Feb. 8, instead of Feb. 1, as was originally planned when the students were sent home at the request of the state board of health. The four students who came down with the malady at the seminary are making progress toward recovery, but word had reached the school authorities that no fewer than four students who went home have shown positive symptoms of the disease.

Yesterday Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart, Prin. O. K. Hollister and Dr. J. H. Woodruff, who is attending the patients at the seminary, met in conference with the result that it was decided to postpone the reopening of the school. Students were notified to that effect to-day. In justifying the action of the state board of health in sending to their homes students who undoubtedly had been exposed while in school, it is stated that the facilities at the seminary for caring for any large number of students are wholly inadequate. Furthermore, it is said, the health officer in each town and city where Goddard students reside was notified of the conditions at the seminary and urged to co-operate with the state board in keeping the epidemic from growing.

OFFER TO BUY FAIRBANKS CO.

Western Selling Agents Make Proposi-
tion to Stockholders

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 28.—The E. & T. Fairbanks Co. have mailed to stockholders notices set forth an offer of the Fairbanks, Morse & Co., of Chicago to buy the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. The offer is to exchange all outstanding shares of the capital stock of the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. on the basis of \$500 a share for three shares of the Fairbanks, Morse & Co. stock. This is considered a liberal offer, as the E. & T. Fairbanks stock has not sold above \$125 for some time and has not paid dividends in two years. The directors advise selling. The Fairbanks, Morse & Co. are the selling agents for the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. in the West. To avail of the offer stock must be deposited with the First National bank of Boston before March 1.

ICE JAMS CLEARED.

Three Threatened But Prompt Action of
Street Department Starts Ice.

Danger from three ice jams, two in Stevens branch and one in Jail branch, just before it joins the larger stream in the south end, stirred the street department to activity to-day. Threatened inundations near the Granite street plant of Marr & Gordon and along the Smith meadow prompted the street employees, under the direction of Supt. J. C. Wilson, to relieve the congestion by blasting a huge jam near the Smith, Whitcomb & Cook dam. Dynamite was used and six blasts were discharged just before noon. Afterward it was decided to dislodge in the same way ice jams that had formed near the Barre & Chelsea railroad trestle over Ayers street and at the plant of Charles Bianchi & Sons in the north end.

DEATH OF LAURA ANN CHAPMAN.

Elderly Resident of Montpelier Died This
Morning.

Mrs. Laura Ann Chapman died this morning at her home on Hubbard street, aged 78 years. She was born in Morristown, April 16, 1838, the daughter of Daniel Carr. She was married about 59 years ago to Henry Chapman, who died about 10 years ago. Since then she has made Montpelier her home. She is survived by five children, all of whom reside in Montpelier: W. O. Chapman, H. S. Chapman, Mrs. William Thayer, Mrs. Ida B. Herring and Mrs. B. W. Nye. The funeral will probably be held Sunday from her home.

MARRIES CHORUS GIRL.

Harold Jones Followed Jennie All the
Way from Bangor to Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 28.—Harold Eugene Jones, aged 21, of Bangor, Me., and Jennie Ossilech, aged 22, an East Boston chorus girl in the Bob Ott musical company playing here this week, were married to-day by Justice of the Peace J. P. Ladd. The groom was smitten with the charms of the fair Russian kisser in Bangor, Me., and followed her here.

CONVENTION CONCLUDED.

Vermont and New Hampshire Monument
Dealers' Association Had Good Session.

With the return from a motor trip to the quarries yesterday afternoon, the mid-winter meeting of the Vermont and New Hampshire Retail Monument Dealers' association came to an end, many of the dealers leaving for their homes in the evening. They are coming back, they said, coming back to Barre for more of the hospitality meted out to them during their stay of two days in the city. One of the newly elected officers stated that this pledge was not uttered in a momentary burst of enthusiasm, but that it represents the sober second thought of every retailer who participated in the gathering.

Every effort to assure the visitors of a warm welcome was made by the Granite Manufacturers' association, from the moment President Alexander Duncan welcomed them at the informal meeting Wednesday morning until the good-byes were said last night. The retailers were particularly pleased with their accommodations at Hotel Barre, with the banquet Wednesday evening and with the cordial reception given them at Barclay brothers' and other cutting plants and at the quarries, where Boutwell, Milne & Varnum had a variety of refreshments awaiting them on their arrival yesterday afternoon.

Much was accomplished in the way of introducing to retail dealers, some of whom paid their first visit to Barre on the occasion of the convention, some of the achievements made in the Barre granite belt. President Duncan of the manufacturers' association, the secretary, H. P. Himman, and a special committee composed of W. P. Scott, Alexander A. Milne and Armando Comelli were especially active in their endeavors to make the stay of the retailers worth while.

The mid-winter meeting of the two-state association is to be held at The Weirs, N. H., late in July.

MONTPELIER

Ice Goes Out of North Branch Without
Damage to Bridge or Property.

Last night's rain coupled with the extended period of warm weather broke up the ice in the North branch river and in the Winoski river below the Colton dam and the water for a time threatened to get into the cellars along Elm street. The ice in the smaller stream went out about 10 o'clock this forenoon, leaving the river clear up to the Lane Manufacturing shops. The ice barely cleared the framework which was used in building the new Rialto bridge, carrying out one or two boards. Persons on the Central Vermont station platform were given a thrill this morning when a woman and three small children attempted to board the south-bound train after it had started to leave the station. They had waited until the train was going south and then all made a desperate attempt to get on. The woman and one child made the step safely, but two of the children barely got the steps, and the brakeman was forced to run along side the moving train and hold the little ones from falling off. The engineer finally stopped the train near the bridge and an accident was averted.

Notices of a dismissal meeting to be held Feb. 7, in the bankruptcy estate of Dan McAuley, formerly of Calais, now of Graniteville, were sent out to-day by Referee W. N. Theriault. Notices of discharge meetings in the estate of Fred Trudeau and F. N. Brassaw were also mailed to-day.

A marriage license was issued to-day to William Laundry of 311 Elm street, and Hazel Sanborn of 26 Court street. Mrs. Judson L. S. Varney returned last evening to Roxbury, after a few days' visit in the city with relatives. The Clerks regained their lead in the bowling league last evening by taking four points from the Bakers on the State street alley. The Clerks topped the pins for a total of 1381. Reames established a new record for a three string total, 309. On the School street alleys the Independents were forced to be content with three of four points gained from the Italian-Spanish team.

In probate court yesterday afternoon, the will of John H. Richmond, late of Northfield, was proven and Hattie M. Richmond named executrix. Frank C. Bancroft of Barre Town settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of John C. Bassett, late of Barre Town. The arrest of Sylvester Williams yesterday by Chief of Police Connolly on a warrant charging him with selling mortgaged property, brought about a speedy settlement with Peter Jerd, who it is alleged held a mortgage on an Edison talking machine, which Williams sold.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy, Deputy Sheriffs Henry C. Lawson, Roy Getman, Arthur Emery and C. Smith, returned last evening from Burlington, where they attended the annual meeting of the Sheriff's association.

Articles of association have been filed with the secretary of state by the John Nelson Construction company of Montpelier, with capital stock of \$5,000. The company is to engage in general construction work. The incorporators are John Nelson and Catherine F. Nelson of Montpelier and Catherine E. Nelson of Brooklyn, N. Y. The new company has offices in the Rialto building.

C. Bova returned last evening from Providence, R. I., and Boston, where he has been visiting relatives since the first of the year.

Coch Francis Edwards and members of the Montpelier high school basketball team left this morning for Morrisville and Stowe on a two days' trip. To-night the local five will endeavor to defeat People's academy at Morrisville and to-morrow evening Stowe high school will be their opponents. The local team defeated Stowe in this city early in the month, but the strength of the Morrisville team is unknown. Clark, the aggressive little forward was unable to make the trip because of illness and the following players were taken: Capt. Gross, Jangraw and Putnam, forwards; Woodworth, center; Smith and Pope, guards.

The Montpelier city council has given the Driving club permission to hold the races scheduled for to-morrow on Main street, starting in the vicinity of the new school building and finishing in the business section of the city. This was made necessary by the thaw, which spoiled the ice on the river, where the race was to have taken place.

MANUAL
TRAINING

Is Advocated by Barre City
School Commissioners in
Their Annual Report

BUT ADEQUATE FUNDS
ARE NOT AVAILABLE

The Condition of the Public
Schools Told in Vari-
ous Reports

Through the action of the board of school commissioners in ratifying reports from the several departments in the city schools much material is available for printing in the city yearbook, which is to appear early in February. A year of progress is indicated in the general reports of the commission, the superintendent and the principal of the high school, as well as the heads of a number of departments. Below is given a digest of the most salient features in the reports of the commission, Supt. C. H. White, Prin. H. H. Jackson, Charles Pamperl of the evening drawing school, Miss Josephine E. Hovey of the musical department, and Miss Catherine Reaveley of the department of drawing.

Much that has been written in the annual report of the school commissioners is retrospective of some of the larger achievements of the year and the more important happenings. It is stated that much good has proceeded already from the completion of the new Spaulding annex and to the fact that a change in the state laws affecting the minimum age of children attending school brought about a material decrease in the enrollment is attributed the necessity for leaving vacant three rooms at the Lincoln building. On the whole, the commission concludes that citizens of Barre may have the satisfaction of knowing that the school population is being accommodated in buildings entirely modern and sanitary. None of the buildings used for school purposes, now that the Church street school is vacant, is more than 24 years old, the report says.

Regarding the Spaulding annex this statement is made: "The appropriation voted by the city was exceeded in the construction and equipping of the Spaulding building addition, but this was occasioned, in a measure, by the necessity, seen as work progressed, of more rooms than originally planned and certain changes from the original plans, which seemed quite important and imperative."

The commission pays tribute to the services performed by the late Supt. E. M. Roscoe in behalf of the school system and describes the steps taken to fill the vacancies created by his death. Nearly all of the grade and high school teachers returned for the fall term of 1915 and teachers and students are now working together in commendable harmony.

Important sections of the report are given verbatim below:

"By a change in the state school law, made at the last session of the legislature, the state aid to our city schools is eliminated, except as to the pay for the superintendent and instructors. The teacher's training course, from now on, therefore, it will be impossible for the city to get any financial help from the state, except in the two departments referred to above. This reduces materially the funds available for the running expenses of our city schools and renders it necessary to practice the strictest economy possible, if the amount for school purposes, available from the 70-cent tax, is not exceeded in the support of the schools."

"In this connection, we would mention a deplorable condition, referred to annually by your school board for several years